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SUBJ: BENINESE PRESIDENT KEREKOU CABLES ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN
UNITY (OAU) PRESIDENT AND HEADS OF MEMBER STATES

REF: COTONOU 0962

1. AS FURTHER STEP IN HIS CAMPAIGN TO CHANGE SITE OF THE NEXT OAU SUMMIT, PRESIDENT KEREKOU HAS SENT SIMILAR SPECIAL MESSAGES TO OAU PRESIDENT RAMGOOLAM AND OAU MEMBER CHIEFS OF STATE STATING BENIN'S OPPOSITION TO HOLDING NEXT OAU SUMMIT MEETING IN LIBREVILLE, AS RESULT OF SEPARATE INVESTIGATIONS OF 16 JAN 1977 ARMED ATTACK ON BENIN HAVE SHOWN ACTIVE COMPLICITY ON THE PART OF GABONESE.

2. TELEGRAM TO RAMGOOLAM SPECIFICALLY ACCUSES GABON OF (A) HARBORING FOREIGN ATTACK FORCES WHOSE AIM IS TO LIQUIDATE THE FORCES OF INDEPENDENT AFRICAN REGIMES, AND (B) OFFERING FRANCEVILLE AIRPORT TO ARMED MERCENARIES IN ORDER TO ATTACK BENIN. KEREKOU STATES THAT GABON IS IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 2, 3 AND 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE OAU; CONSEQUENTLY, BENIN FORMALLY DECLARES THAT IT CONSIDERS THE
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GABONESE REPUBLIC AS "DISQUALIFIED" FROM HOSTING THE NEXT PJ U SUMMIT AND DEMANDS THAT ANOTHER AFRICAN CAPITAL BE SELECTED. CABLE CONCLUDES WITH A REQUEST THAT RAMGOLLAM BRING BENIN'S PROPOSAL TO THE ATTENTION OF OTHER OAU MEMBERS. MESSAGE TO OAU CHIEFS OF STATE COVERS SAME POINTS INCLUDED IN RAMGOLLAM MESSAGE.

3. COMMENT: IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHETHER IDENTICAL
TEXT WAS INDEED SENT TO EVERY OAU CHIEF OF STATE, INCLUDING
PRESIDENT BONGO AND KING HASAN, SINCE KEREKOU CONCLUDES HIS
TELEGRAM TO OAU LEADERS WITH "THANKS AND HIGHEST CONSIDER-
ATION."
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